## **Donation of American Flag to the Lewiston Fire Department**

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**Local veteran Joseph Paradis recently donated an American flag to the Lewiston Fire Department**. The flag was previously flown over the United States Capitol and was presented to Paradis by US Senator Susan Collins. Paradis' wish was that the flag be flown over Lewiston's Central Fire Station on Memorial Day in observance of the holiday and veterans. The department felt it was appropriate that he be invited to assist in raising the flag, and at 7:30 am on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, Paradis fulfilled his wish by assisting Central Fire Station personnel in proudly raising the donated flag and observing a moment of silence.

Paradis is a veteran of the Korean War, former prisoner of war, a Purple Heart recipient, and vastly involved in the establishment of LA Veterans Memorial Park.